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MANS PLEADS GUILTY TO USING THE INTERNET IN AN ATTEMPT TO SET UP SEXUAL ENCOUNTER WITH 14 YEAR OLD YEAR GIRL

RE: UNITED STATES v. KEITH M. DEVEREAUX

Terrance P. Flynn, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced that on September 14, 2006, KEITH M. DEVEREAUX, age 35, of 105 Lakewood Pines Trail, Syracuse, New York, pled guilty in front of United States District Court Judge David G. Larimer, to using an interstate facility to transmit information about a minor to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2425, which charges a maximum term of imprisonment of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that between May 16, 2005 to January 3, 2006, Devereaux engaged in internet chats with a Monroe County Sheriff's Office Deputy who was acting in an undercover capacity as a 14 year old female residing in Rochester, New York. Devereaux believed that the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Deputy who was acting in an undercover capacity was 14 years old. During the internet chats, Devereaux attempted to make arrangements to meet with the 14 year old at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, New York, to engage in sexual activity

which the defendant could have been charged with a criminal offense under the laws of the State of New York. Devereaux also transmitted over the internet the name of the 14 year old girl.

Devereaux is expected to receive a sentence of between 46 and 57 months in prison.

The conviction in this case was the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Laurie J. Bennett, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick M. O'Flynn.

Devereaux is scheduled to be sentenced on January 12, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.